

# Making your home safe...



## 'Rabbit Proofing' explained.

Keeping your rabbits indoors is great, and many rabbits enjoy living in luxury. They get used to the noises in the house very quickly, even the Hoover! However, there are a few extra dangers in the home that you need to be aware of and 'rabbit proofing' your home is a must!

### What does rabbit proofing involve?

Rabbit proofing your home may sound like a difficult task however it can be easy to do, inexpensive and if done properly will only have to be done once. House proofing protects your home from destruction and your rabbit from harm.

### Why is rabbit proofing your home so important?

Rabbit proofing your home is essential whether you keep your rabbits indoors or outdoors. When your rabbits are in the house to play it is important that there are no dangers around. Rabbits love to chew and will readily destroy any cables or wires that are left exposed. Not only will this damage your appliances but will probably harm, or even kill the rabbit.

### So how do I keep electrical cords out of reach?

There are two simple methods for protecting wires;

- Plastic tubing (similar to that used in fish tanks) from a hardware or aquarium shop can be split lengthwise with a blade and the wire can be tucked safely inside.
- Wire-concealers that stick to the base of walls come in strips and corners, so they can follow the shape of the wall. This is a more costly and time consuming method than the clear plastic tubing above, but it is more permanent and harder wearing.

### How do I protect baseboards and wooden furniture?

You can purchase a furniture spray called 'Chew Stoppa Spray' from the likes of Pets at Home for an affordable price. Simply spray it on any exposed wood. As the spray has a bitter taste, your rabbit will not want to chew it! It is pet safe and a non-toxic spray.

### How do I protect upholstered furniture and beds?

Upholstered furniture and beds that are several inches off the ground are wonderful places for rabbits to hide underneath! However, some will burrow up into the soft underside and make a nest. A flat cardboard box, smaller than the area of the furniture base will keep the rabbit out, and won't be seen from human level!